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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SP
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO KING JUAN CARLOS

REF: STATE 308433

1. ON DECEMBER 22, AT 1400 HRS, I DELIVERED YOUR
ORAL MESSAGE TO THE KING AT THE ZARZUELA PALACE.
THE KING DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR THOUGHT AND REMARKED
ON THE PARTICULAR WARMTH OF YOUR MESSAGE.

2. THE KING ALSO COMMENTED TO ME OF THE GREAT
IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO THE CLOSEST RELATIONS
WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT SPAIN MUST
HAVE ONE TRUE AND RELIABLE FRIEND AND HE REGARDED THE
UNITED STATES AS BEING THAT FRIEND. HE THEN ADDED
THE COMMENT THAT GISCARD'S POSITION IN FRANCE SEEMED
TO BE WEAKENING. HE THUS CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT
FRANCE COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY
A PARAMOUNT ROLE IN SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THE KING DEEPLY VALUES THE
RELATIONSHIP HE HAS HAD WITH YOU AND HE IS
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PREOCCUPIED ABOUT THE NEED TO HAVE A CLOSE
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. I KNOW
THAT HE WOULD BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING
WHICH YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO DO TO LAY THE
GROUNDWORK FOR THIS AND I KNOW THAT HE IS
APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR RECENT DISCUSSION WITH THE

SPECIAL EMISSARY ON THIS POINT.

4. THE KING'S COMMENTS TO ME ON A NUMBER OF OTHER
MATTERS OF INTEREST ARE BEING REPORTED IN
SEPARATE MESSAGES. STABLER

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